



Brother... quit being so human!

★ Remember 1933 — when times were tough?

Maybe you didn't have a job. Maybe you and your wife and kids didn't eat too well — dress too well — have too much fun. Maybe you swore then that if things were ever different, you'd make up for it.

Chances are, today, things are different. You've got a job. You're getting good money. And you'd naturally like to have a little fun with it. You'd like to buy some of the "extras" that you and your family never had during the hard times.

It's only human to feel that way. But right now — we've got to quit being so human!

Right now, over in England, a bunch of fellows are getting ready to tackle one of the bloodiest jobs ever given an Army. In the Pacific, another bunch is playing hide-and-seek with an enemy that thinks the right treatment for a wounded prisoner is a bayonet through the guts. Others are sweating in Africa — still others are on cold, dreary, fog-bound islands near the Bering Sea.

That's their job.

But it's our job to give them the tools they need to win — by buying War Bonds! And so far, we can't do our full job!

Right now, there are still people who ought to be buying War Bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan — but aren't.

While plenty of people in the Plan are investing more than the 10% Uncle Sam needs, a lot are putting aside less than they can.

The fellows who aren't yet in the Plan — or, being in, haven't yet hit their 10% — aren't unpatriotic, or 5th Columnists, or anything like that. They're just human. They just haven't realized their Country's bitter, crying need — now! They haven't realized that Americans have been locked in battle for lack of planes, ships, tanks and bullets — tools that the money we'd like to spend for fun has got to buy!

Uncle Sam hopes that every single one of us will realize it — by January 1st, 1943. By that date, everybody on a payroll should be on a Payroll Savings Plan — and we'll "Top That 10% by New Year's."

So, if you aren't setting aside your 10%, go on in and tell 'em you want to raise your sights. Not to 6%, or 7%, or 8% — but at least 10%. If you can put in more than 10% — do it. If you aren't yet in on the Payroll Savings Plan — sign up tomorrow!

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

If you are...

1. Already investing 10% of your pay in War Bonds through the Payroll Savings Plan — boost that 10% if you can.
2. Working in a plant where the Plan is installed, but haven't signed up yet — sign up tomorrow.
3. Working in a plant where the Payroll Savings Plan hasn't been installed, talk to your union head, foreman, or plant manager — and see if it can't be installed right away. The local bank will be glad to help.
4. Unable to get in on the Payroll Savings Plan, for any reason, go to your local bank, or wherever Bonds are sold. They will be glad to help you start a Plan of your own.



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WOMEN AT WAR

Irene

When Irene got home from the airplane factory she was good and tired. This was the hour, after work and before dinner, that she always looked forward to. Her private name for it was "My sissy hour." Into it, these days, she packed all the lazy, luxurious little things she loved — things that used to take up a lot more than an hour of her peace-time days. She sat down at the little desk in her room. You could tell quite a lot about Irene from that desk. The water-glass filled with the small bouquet of flowers she sometimes bought on the way home. The paper-weight of pink marble. The thin, crackly blue air-mail stationery. And the big, framed photograph of a young man in a corporal's uniform — as good-looking a man as Irene was pretty. On the blotter lay the telegram that had come that morning just as she was leaving for work. With those long, well-shaped fingers she reached for a sheet of paper. She nibbled the end of her pen for a bit, and then she wrinkled up her nose at the picture of the soldier and began to write. "Dear Mr. Morgenstern," but the corporal's name was Jackson and she called him Pete across the page. "My boy friend in the A. E. F. in Ireland. He has cabled me fifty dollars with which to buy a diamond ring. I've been thinking it over and decided to buy a War Bond to help Uncle Sam instead. This may help to bring my boy friend home sooner, and then he can help me select my ring."

"Irene slowly began to sign her name. (Letter from an actual communication in the files of the Treasury Department.)"

Let's all sacrifice as Irene has done. Bring final victory closer with the money you put into War Bonds. Make certain your family budget tops 10 percent by New Year's.

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UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

Lesson for December 13

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LESSON TEXT—Matthew 5:13-16; Mark 16:7-11; Luke 12:1-5; John 1:9-12.

GOLDEN TEXT—Ye are the salt of the earth. Ye are the light of the world.—Matthew 5:13, 14.

THE VALUE OF THE CHURCH TO THE SOCIAL ORDER

Social and political leaders have in the church the strongest influence for good in all the world. One marvels that those who profess to seek the best for humanity, who try every kind of social experiment, who labor with every expedient of man, fail to see and use in full measure the power of Christianity. Perhaps the explanation is a little more of these leaders are themselves unconverted men, who do not understand spiritual things, and are not willing to give God the glory. Perhaps in the case of others it is because of ignorance or lack of contact with the church. Whatever the reason, the situation should be remedied. American could solve her problems, both social and political, by a nationwide revival of true Christianity, with the accompanying salvation of thousands of unconverted. If we cannot have that, let us not fail to have a revival in our own hearts, our own churches, our neighborhoods or communities.

We find in our lesson that the church is

I. A Powerful Influence for Moral Good (Matt. 5:13-16).

Salt in the midst of corruption, light in a world of unbelievable darkness—what striking and meaningful figures with which to describe the Christian.

Believers are the "salt of the earth" because they draw their savor from God Himself. The Christian church, by God's own statement, is His own powerful antiseptic which preserves the social order from falling into the moral decay which sometimes seems imminent. It should, therefore, be honored and encouraged by that society which it serves.

Christians are the "light of the world," and it is the essential nature of light to shine. The darker its surroundings the more marked its brightness, and the more needed its illumination. The good works of Christians reflect the goodness of God, and so they glorify His worthy name. Brother, if your light burning brightly in this wicked world?

II. A Stabilizing Element in Society (Mark 12:13-17).

The world is in social ferment, and our own country has its share of "isms" and social theories calling men to follow, asking their loyalty, making them Utopian promises without foundation.

Alert and intelligent Americans are concerned about these clamorous voices, many of which are quite properly suspected of having purposes far from beneficial to our American way of life, or to democracy itself. Yet they dare not oppose them lest there be the cry of denial of freedom of speech, etc.

What can we do to meet them? Here is the answer: Preach Christ. Bring men to a saving knowledge of Him and to a godly way of living. For the Christian is directed by Christ Himself to "render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's"—and they do it too, because they have first rendered "to God the things that are God's."

III. A Loyal Example of Good Citizenship (1 Pet. 2:13-17).

The highest measure of loyalty to country is the Christian standard here stated. In Romans 13:1-10 we learn that all authority comes from God and that the power of rulers is to be recognized as His gift. That means that true rulers will submit to Him in every detail of their government, seeking to know and to do His will.

However, the Christian gives loyal obedience to the "powers that be" even though they may not recognize the source of their power. This is subject only to the limitation that they may not demand that we do those things that dishonor God's name. Since their only real power to rule comes from Him, they have no authority to tell anyone to do that which is against His holy will. When that happens, the Higher Authority takes over and our loyalty must be to Him, the King of kings. The Christian then will be the best citizen, eager to do what king or country may ask, in order thus to bear a good testimony and to close the mouth of foolish critics of the church.

The history of our country and of other lands reveals the names of many illustrious Christian patriots, and the roll of honor of those who loved and served their country well in the humble and difficult places, would bear its hundreds of thousands of names which are found also on the roll of the church.

Christians, let us be earnest and intelligent followers of Christ, whose lives count for moral uprightness. "For God and Country" is the excellent motto of the American Legion, but it should be more than that; it should be the purpose of every Christian citizen.

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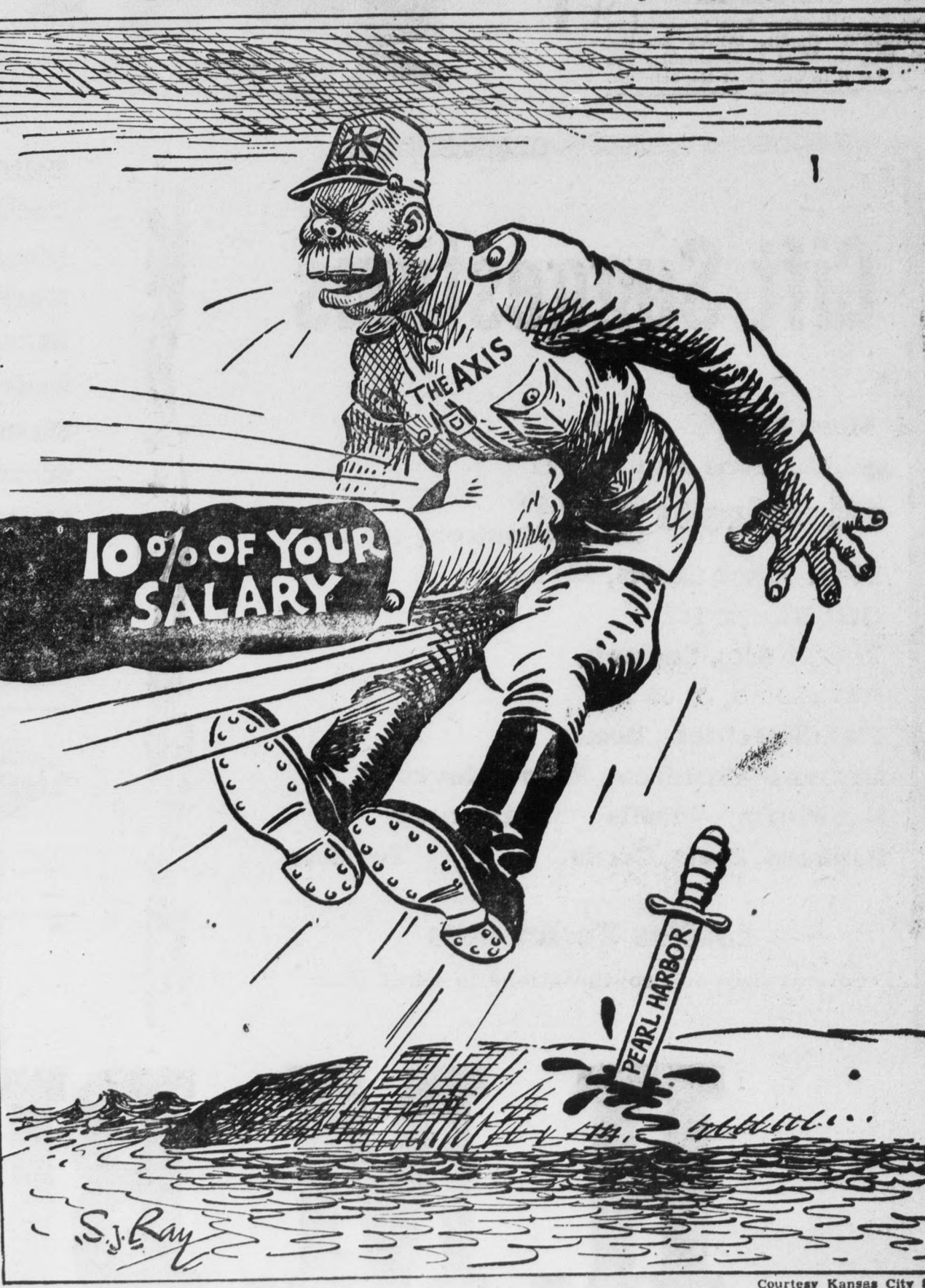


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